

BILL TO CREATE PARDON BOARD

RIVAL TO GOVERNOR'S MEASURE IS INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KINNEY OF ST. LOUIS.

BILLS ALONG SAME LINES

Wide Range of Subjects Covered in Proposed New Laws Introduced in Both Branches of the General Assembly.

Jackson City, Mo.—A measure creating a state board of pardons and paroles was introduced in the state senate by Senator Kinney of St. Louis. This measure carries a provision for the indeterminate sentence provision not found in the measure backed by Gov. Major, which was introduced in the house by Mr. Orr, Democratic floor leader. The indeterminate sentence is a feature of the parole laws of other states and Judge Benton in formulating the bill offered by Senator Kinney embodied this provision. It does not interfere with the present laws fixing the punishment for crime except to provide that nobody shall be compelled to serve a term in excess of the maximum now provided for the offense of which he was convicted.

Except for the indeterminate sentence and salaries the measure introduced by Senator Kinney does not differ radically from the administration bill. Both measures provide for a board of three to be appointed by the governor. The Major measure provided that the chairman of the board shall be a lawyer not less than 25 years of age. It provides a salary of \$1,200 for the chairman and \$2,000 for each of his associates upon the board.

The branding of shoes containing any substitute for leather is provided for in a bill introduced by Senator Craig. The manufacturer would be held responsible for any violations of the act and subjected to a fine of \$250.

Senator Greene introduced a bill which would compel persons desiring to possess a marriage license to file an application three days in advance and to undergo a medical examination.

An appropriation of \$10,000 to build houses along the St. Francis and Black rivers in Ripley, Butler, Reed and New Madrid, Pemiscot and Franklin counties is provided for in a bill introduced by Senator Hawkins of Franklin county. To carry out the work the bill would establish a commission, the members to receive \$1 a day each for actual working days.

To ascertain whether the \$10,000 appropriated to the state poultry board has been used to the best advantage Senator Baldwin introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of the funds.

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Br. Senator Wilson: Bill providing for state medical supervisor at annual salary of \$7,500.

Br. Senator Allott: Bill providing against the use of dangerous locomotives.

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Br. Senator Ermans: Bill requiring all notes to be issued by their owner for the purpose of taxation was introduced. This bill makes all notes uncollectable and void upon which taxes are not paid.

Representative Henry C. Ermans (Rep.) tried his hand upon a municipal primary measure for the city of St. Louis, which he says, if passed, will give the voters of the respective parties in St. Louis a chance to express their convictions upon candidates next spring. Ermans' measure provides for registration, challengers and all the safeguards thrown about the holding of general elections.

A joint hearing of the house and senate committees on elections will take up the McGrath bill.

Highway Measure Offered.

The submission of an amendment to the constitution empowering the legislature to require any county in the state or all of them to provide for the registration of voters was suggested in a resolution introduced by Mr. Hodges of St. Louis county.

The instruction of school children in the elements of road construction and maintenance is provided for by a measure introduced by Mr. Asbury of Cooper.

The administration measure creating a state highway department, with the offices of highway commissioner and assistant highway commissioner was introduced by Mr. Orr of Livingston.

A measure authorizing the municipal assembly of St. Louis to expend its share of the state good roads fund in the construction of one mile of street, 35 feet in width, was introduced by Mr. Orr. The measure also applies to other counties.

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By Mr. Hunt of Dent: Fixing tuition for non-resident students in high schools.

By Mr. Hodgdon: Requiring plumbers in towns of over 5,000 to be licensed.

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By Mr. Overall: Senatorial and representative apportionment measures, copies of those introduced by Senator of Dunklin.

By Mr. Sheehan: Increasing the salary of the clerk of the St. Louis court of appeals from \$100 to \$150 a month.

By Mr. Tyler: A bill to appropriate \$2,000 to Mrs. Clara Mixer of Sedalia, whose husband, a member of the Sedalia fire department, died as the result of exposure incurred while fighting the fire that destroyed the state capitol.

By Mr. O'Brien: Admitting persons between 12 and 65 years to fraternal beneficial associations.

By Mr. Fulbright: Giving residents of country right to hunt without a license.

By Mr. Bradley: Repealing the collateral inheritance tax law.

Other measures introduced in the senate are as follows:

By Senator Baldwin: Bill providing that president of failing bank may have voice in the selection of receiver.

By Senator Brogan: McGrath municipal primary bill; also bill providing for proper ventilation of foundries and machine shops.

By Senator Buford: Bill providing that rural school districts may bind themselves together for the purpose of building high schools and that the state must give aid in furnishing the schools.

By Senator Peaster: Bill providing that elementary road building shall be taught in public schools.

By Senator Crossley: Bill providing that consideration of votes on increased tax levy amendments shall be only on the number cast for the amendment and not for the entire total cast on the day of election.

By Senator Cassidy: Bill providing that persons of 12 years or more may receive benefits of fraternal insurance. The present age limit is 16 years.

By Senator McClintic: Bill relieving accident insurance companies from paying suicide claims; bill for more thorough inspection of hotels.

To Repeat the Initiative.

The first step toward repealing the initiative and referendum, or making it almost impossible to submit an issue to it, was taken in the house. A bill was introduced by Representative Barber of saline county repealing the present law and providing a new section whereby it will take 20 per cent of the voters in three-fourths of the congressional districts before any proposition can be submitted. The percentage required now is five per cent in two-thirds of the congressional districts.

Representative Tuggey offered a bill providing a penalty for parents violating the compulsory school law.

Representative Lyon introduced a bill exempting all persons having \$100 worth of property or less from taxation.

A sweeping loan shark bill, which, if it becomes a law, will put the loan shark out of business entirely, was introduced by Representative E. C. Orr of Livingston county.

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Mr. Meekton's Mean Idea.

"Why did you insist on having your wife join the Suffragette Club?" "Because," replied Mr. Meekton grimly. "I want to see that Suffragette Club get all the trouble that's coming to it."

Daily Thought.

Our words have wings, but fly not where we would.—George Eliot.

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To ease another's headache is to forget one's own.—Abe Lincoln.

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